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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, ET
SUBJ: CLOSURE OF KAGNEW STATION

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1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S OFFER TO SEND SMALL TECHNICAL TEAM PER
PARA 6 REFTEL (A), BUT BEFORE PICKING UP OFFER, I WOULD APPRE-
CIATE KNOWING SOMETHING MORE ABOUT HOW THEY MIGHT HELP.

2. I CANNOT JUDGE HOW QUICKLY EPMG WILL REACT. IF FOR THEIR
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OWN REASONS THEY WANT TO SEE KAGNEW STATION CLOSED QUICKLY,
THEIR REACTION MAY BE RAPID. IF NOT, EPMG BUREAUCRACY
MAY GRIND AWAY SLOWLY AS IT USUALLY DOES AND WE SHALL
HAVE TO PUSH THEM TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. WHILE
IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE HELPFUL TO KNOW DETAILS OF PLAN
AND POSSIBLE LEGAL PROBLEMS IN ADVANCE, I WOULD NOT
RECOMMEND THAT TEAM COME HERE EARLY FOR THAT PURPOSE

ONLY AND THEN FIND THEMSELVES COOLING THEIR HEELS WHILE
ETHIOPIANS PONDER. MORE USEFUL, IT SEEMS TO ME, WOULD
BE TO HAVE THEM HERE ONCE NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDERWAY.
ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING MORE TEAM CAN
DO BEFORE DISCUSSIONS GET STARTED, I BELIEVE IT PREFER-
ABLE TO HOLD OFF REQUESTING THEIR PRESENCE HERE UNTIL
THEN. MEANWHILE IF THERE ARE DETAILS OF WITHDRAWAL PLAN
AND POSSIBLE LEGAL PROBLEMS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT NOW,
I SUGGEST DEPT TELEGRAPH THEM TO US. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT
SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT THE JOINT COMMISSION -- ITS
FUNCTIONS, COMPOSITION AND RELATION TO GENERAL
PROBLEM OF WITHDRAWAL?
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